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Interview Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Christopher C. Pratt

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All participants (applicant, applicant's representative, PTO personnel):

(1) Christopher C. Pratt.

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(2) Thomas McWilliams.

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Date of Interview: 04 September 2001.

Type: a) ☒ Telephonic b) ☐ Video Conference
c) ☐ Personal [copy given to: 1) ☐ applicant 2) ☐ applicant's representative]

Exhibit shown or demonstration conducted: d) ☐ Yes e) ☒ No.

If Yes, brief description: _____

Claim(s) discussed: All generally.

Identification of prior art discussed: 6096412, 5458590, 5601871.

Agreement with respect to the claims f) ☐ was reached. g) ☐ was not reached. h) ☒ N/A.

Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: See Continuation Sheet.

(A fuller description, if necessary, and a copy of the amendments which the examiner agreed would render the claims allowable, if available, must be attached. Also, where no copy of the amendments that would render the claims allowable is available, a summary thereof must be attached.)

i) ☒ It is not necessary for applicant to provide a separate record of the substance of the interview (if box is checked).

Unless the paragraph above has been checked, THE FORMAL WRITTEN REPLY TO THE LAST OFFICE ACTION MUST INCLUDE THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. (See MPEP Section 713.04). If a reply to the last Office action has already been filed, APPLICANT IS GIVEN ONE MONTH FROM THIS INTERVIEW DATE TO FILE A STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW. See Summary of Record of Interview requirements on reverse side or on attached sheet.

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Examiner's signature, if required

Continuation of Substance of Interview including description of the general nature of what was agreed to if an agreement was reached, or any other comments: Applicant submitted proposed amendments to claims 1-2, 10, 17, and 58. With respect to the added limitation defined as "without substantial degradation of the piece of material" applicant explained that this property is achieved only through the use of the combination of particular inks, vehicles, and nonwoven material. With respect to the limitation defined as "with reference...", applicant stated that this referred to a particular process of applying inks so that they have improved registry over the prior art. The examiner indicated that this limitation will not have an effect in overcoming the prior art because it is a process limitation and the prior art teachings printing in registry. With respect to claim 10, the examiner indicated that the claim was indefinite because the particular safety standards are not of record in the case. The examiner suggested either deleting the claim (because applicant's combination of inks and vehicles will inherently meet these safety standards) or replacing the phrase with the intended purpose of the safety standards (for example, inks which are non-toxic when ingested). The examiner requested that applicant submit an amendment to the first paragraph of page 7 listing the generic chemical names associated with the commercial names or trademarks of particular dyes. This will be necessary to compare applicant's invention with the prior art. The applicant's help in this matter is greatly appreciated.